



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2443

Introduced 02/17/05, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock - Eileen Lyons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 10/11

from Ch. 120, par. 2411

Amends the Riverboat Gambling Act. Provides that, upon the request of the Department of Public Aid, the Office of the Attorney General, or an Illinois State's Attorney, owner licensees must disclose the last known address of any person gambling or licensed under the Act to the requesting agency. Provides that disclosure by an owner licensee is required only for those individuals who have registered with the owner licensee's programs or who have obtained any privilege or service from the owner licensee that requires the disclosure of identity and residence and that the information shall be used by the requesting agency for the sole purpose of enforcing court-ordered child support payments. Provides that, before an owner licensee or an employee of the owner licensee may make certain disbursements or exchanges, the owner licensee or the employee must certify with the Department of Public Aid that the person does not have an unsatisfied judgment of default of court-ordered child support payments and if a person eligible for the disbursement or attempting the exchange has an unsatisfied judgment, the owner licensee or his or her employee shall withhold the amount of the judgment, which shall be remitted to the Department of Public Aid.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by
5 changing Section 11 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 10/11) (from Ch. 120, par. 2411)

7 Sec. 11. Conduct of gambling. Gambling may be conducted by
8 licensed owners or licensed managers on behalf of the State
9 aboard riverboats, subject to the following standards:

10 (1) A licensee may conduct riverboat gambling
11 authorized under this Act regardless of whether it conducts
12 excursion cruises. A licensee may permit the continuous
13 ingress and egress of passengers for the purpose of
14 gambling.

15 (2) (Blank).

16 (3) Minimum and maximum wagers on games shall be set by
17 the licensee.

18 (4) Agents of the Board and the Department of State
19 Police may board and inspect any riverboat at any time for
20 the purpose of determining whether this Act is being
21 complied with. Every riverboat, if under way and being
22 hailed by a law enforcement officer or agent of the Board,
23 must stop immediately and lay to.

24 (5) Employees of the Board shall have the right to be
25 present on the riverboat or on adjacent facilities under
26 the control of the licensee.

27 (6) Gambling equipment and supplies customarily used
28 in conducting riverboat gambling must be purchased or
29 leased only from suppliers licensed for such purpose under
30 this Act.

31 (7) Persons licensed under this Act shall permit no
32 form of wagering on gambling games except as permitted by

1 this Act.

2 (8) Wagers may be received only from a person present
3 on a licensed riverboat. No person present on a licensed
4 riverboat shall place or attempt to place a wager on behalf
5 of another person who is not present on the riverboat.

6 (9) Wagering shall not be conducted with money or other
7 negotiable currency.

8 (10) A person under age 21 shall not be permitted on an
9 area of a riverboat where gambling is being conducted,
10 except for a person at least 18 years of age who is an
11 employee of the riverboat gambling operation. No employee
12 under age 21 shall perform any function involved in
13 gambling by the patrons. No person under age 21 shall be
14 permitted to make a wager under this Act.

15 (11) Gambling excursion cruises are permitted only
16 when the waterway for which the riverboat is licensed is
17 navigable, as determined by the Board in consultation with
18 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This paragraph (11) does
19 not limit the ability of a licensee to conduct gambling
20 authorized under this Act when gambling excursion cruises
21 are not permitted.

22 (12) All tokens, chips or electronic cards used to make
23 wagers must be purchased from a licensed owner or manager
24 either aboard a riverboat or at an onshore facility which
25 has been approved by the Board and which is located where
26 the riverboat docks. The tokens, chips or electronic cards
27 may be purchased by means of an agreement under which the
28 owner or manager extends credit to the patron. Such tokens,
29 chips or electronic cards may be used while aboard the
30 riverboat only for the purpose of making wagers on gambling
31 games.

32 (13) Notwithstanding any other Section of this Act, in
33 addition to the other licenses authorized under this Act,
34 the Board may issue special event licenses allowing persons
35 who are not otherwise licensed to conduct riverboat
36 gambling to conduct such gambling on a specified date or

1 series of dates. Riverboat gambling under such a license
2 may take place on a riverboat not normally used for
3 riverboat gambling. The Board shall establish standards,
4 fees and fines for, and limitations upon, such licenses,
5 which may differ from the standards, fees, fines and
6 limitations otherwise applicable under this Act. All such
7 fees shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund. All
8 such fines shall be deposited into the Education Assistance
9 Fund, created by Public Act 86-0018, of the State of
10 Illinois.

11 (14) Upon the request of the Department of Public Aid,
12 the Office of the Attorney General, or an Illinois State's
13 Attorney, owner licensees must disclose the last known
14 address of any person gambling or licensed under this Act
15 to the requesting agency. Disclosure by an owner licensee
16 is required only for those individuals who have registered
17 with the owner licensee's programs or who have obtained any
18 privilege or service from the owner licensee that requires
19 the disclosure of identity and residence. An owner licensee
20 who discloses information to the requesting agency shall be
21 held harmless from any liability stemming from each such
22 disclosure. Information provided by an owner licensee
23 shall be used by the requesting agency for the sole purpose
24 of enforcing court-ordered child support payments and not
25 for any other purpose, unless specifically authorized by
26 this Act.

27 (15) Before an owner licensee or an employee of the
28 owner licensee may disburse a jackpot in excess of \$1,200
29 or exchange chips, tokens, or vouchers for any amount in
30 which verification of identity is required, the owner
31 licensee or the employee must certify with the Department
32 of Public Aid that the person does not have an unsatisfied
33 judgment of default of court-ordered child support
34 payments. The Department of Public Aid must establish a
35 means by which an owner licensee or an employee of the
36 owner licensee may make such a certification, and, if the

1 person does have a judgment, must certify the amount of the
2 judgment. If a person eligible for disbursement or
3 attempting to exchange chips, tokens, or vouchers has an
4 unsatisfied judgment, the owner licensee or his or her
5 employee shall withhold the amount of the judgment.
6 Jackpots and winnings withheld under this item (15) shall
7 be remitted to the Department of Public Aid. If the amount
8 of judgment is equal to or more than the amount of the
9 winnings, then the owner shall withhold the amount required
10 by the Internal Revenue Service before remitting the
11 remainder to the Department of Public Aid. For the purposes
12 of this item (15), owner licensees that rely on the
13 certification of delinquency made by the Department of
14 Public Aid shall be held harmless for withholding payment
15 of the jackpot or refusing to process the transaction. A
16 person whose payment is withheld or transaction is denied
17 under this item (15) may obtain relief from the Department
18 of Public Aid in the same manner as provided in Section
19 10-65 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act for
20 licensing disputes.

21 (16) In addition to the above, gambling must be
22 conducted in accordance with all rules adopted by the
23 Board.

24 (Source: P.A. 93-28, eff. 6-20-03.)